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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

November 16, 2016
Olin 304

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Members Present: Mike Egan (Chair), Jamie Nordling, Rob Elflin, Gillian Lederman, Jeff Ratliff-Crain (XO), Rachel Weiss, Chris Strunk, Amanda Wilmsmeyer, Lisa Seidlitz, Kelvin Mason, Mamata Marmé, Eric Stewart, Xiaowen Zhang.

Members Absent: Vanessa Beck (SGA), Luke Stoefen (SGA).

Guest: Ann Miller, Thomas Tredway Library

I. Minutes

Motion – Amanda Wilmsmeyer moved “**to approve the minutes of the October 26th meeting as submitted.**” Rachel Weiss seconded.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the MINUTES of the OCTOBER 26th meeting as submitted
PASSED.**

Ann Miller will file the approved minutes with Mary Koski in Academic Affairs.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

Given the large number of proposals to be considered at this week’s meeting, Chairman Egan had divided the Committee in half so that each member would only review half of all of the proposals (excepting the Chair, who reviewed all proposals). All Consent Agenda items that passed online were approved at Chairman Egan’s meeting opening.

- a. FYI 103 (Morse) – **APPROVED.**
- b. PN – ENVR 100 (Reisner) – **APPROVED.**
- c. LC – PHIL 440 and PSYC (Storl and Harrington) – **APPROVED.**
- d. PH – GRMN/SCAN 340 – **APPROVED.**

2. Course Approvals

- a. FYI 103 (Gordon)

Motion to approve FYI 103 (Gordon) with friendly feedback to the instructor regarding concerns about the “Diversity” role: Mamata Marmé; Amanda seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE FYI 103 (Gordon) PASSED.

- b. FYI 103 (Chetel)

Motion to approve FYI 103 (Chetel) with friendly feedback to the instructor regarding “beefing-up” the oral presentation: Rachel; Mamata seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE FYI 103 (Chetel) PASSED.

- c. PN - GEOG 307 (Burnham and Strunk)

Motion to approve PN – GEOG 307 (Burnham and Strunk) with friendly feedback to the instructor to please incorporate more data analysis, possibly by downloading in advance: Jamie Nordling; Mamata seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE FYI 103 (Burnham and Strunk) PASSED.

d. PH - PHIL 440 (Storl)

Motion to approve PH – PHIL 440 (Storl) with friendly feedback to the instructor to please answer all questions and provide more information: Chris Strunk; Kelvin Mason seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE PH – PHIL 440 (Storl) FAILED.

Chairman Egan moved to **TABLE PH-PHIL 440(Storl)** pending further information and discussion. Motion **PASSED**.

e. G – GRMN/SCAN 340 (Mier-Cruz)

Motion to approve G – GRMN/SCAN 340 (Mier-Cruz) with friendly feedback to instructor to please include additional information recommended by the committee: Jamie; Xiaowen Zhang seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE G – GRMN/SCAN 340 (Mier-Cruz) PASSED.

III. OLD BUSINESS

NOTE: the proposals listed below were tabled during Gen Ed's Fall Week 8 meeting. As such, these proposals are not eligible for the Consent Agenda process and must be reviewed by the whole committee and discussed in meeting. Each proposal has a devoted PDF file in the main folder for the 11-16-16 meeting: these PDFs serve as the main proposal materials. The instructor has also submitted additional supplementary materials that are saved in a separate sub-folder.

a. PH – GRD 410 (Revised) and G – GRD 41 (Revised). Motion to un-table PH – GRD 410 and G – GRD 410; Lisa Seidlitz; Rachel seconded. After further discussion and concerns from the committee it was agreed that Chairman Egan will approach the instructor to come speak directly to the committee to address concerns and answer questions to clarify intent before the committee would vote to approve.

Motion to again table PH-GRD 410 (Revised) and G – GRD 410 (Revised): Lisa; Xiaowen seconded.

MOTION TO TABLE PH – GRD 410 (Revised) and G – GRD 410 (Revised) PASSED.

IV. Requests from Faculty Council

a. Gen Ed will make a recommendation on whether or not students are required to pick up a second major, or a minor, etc. when the determination is made regarding the future look and footprint of Gen Ed.

b. Gen Ed will make a recommendation on whether “diversity” should be included in each major’s curriculum when the determination is made regarding the future look and footprint of Gen Ed.

V. Footprints and Homework

*Chairman Egan requests that the committee look at the spreadsheet in the link previously provided to the members via e-mail and continue to casually record any thoughts and ideas that come to mind regarding the future look of Gen Ed and the Gen Ed footprint.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

*No meeting next week (November 23, 2016) due to holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Miller